

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 140152
ORIGIN IO-14

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 ISO-00 SS-15 ACDA-12 OES-07
DOE-15 PM-05 L-03 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 EB-08
NRC-05 SOE-02 DODE-00 SP-02 CEQ-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00
INRE-00 /122 R

DRAFTED BY IO/SCT: JPTREVITHICK:GB
APPROVED BY IO: RBARRY
IO/UNP:TNILES
S/AS:PFARLEY
ACDA:FHOUCK;ACDA/D/C:AYARMOLINSKY
OES/NET:JBORIGHT
DOE:JAMMONS(SUBS)
AF/S:LRMACFARLANE
PM/NPP:AWLOCKE
L/UNA:AJKRECZKO

-----057022 022036Z /64

O 022008Z JUN 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA IMMEDIATE
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 140152

USIAEA /LONDON FOR DELIVERY TO AMBASSADOR SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:AORG, IAEA

SUBJECT:IAEA: JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS - DESIGNATION ISSUE

REFTEL: (A) STATE 133369 (B) VIENNA 4835 (C) CAPE TOWN 1091
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 140152

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT USDEL SHOULD DELIVER IF
LIST OF DESIGNATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN OMITS, AS WE EXPECT IT WILL, SOUTH AFRICA FOR
REGION OF AFRICA. STATEMENT NOW INCORPORATES CHANGES SUG-
GESTED BY MISSION IN REF.B.

QUOTE - MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE MEANING OF ARTICLE VI.A.1 OF THE STATUTE IS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS. THE BOARD IS OBLIGED TO DESIGNATE ON THE BASIS OF OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL CRITERIA (INNER QUOTE) THE MEMBER MOST ADVANCED IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC ENERGY INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIAL IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN WHICH NONE OF THE AFORESAID IS LOCATED.(CLOSE INNER QUOTE) IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT MEMBERS SO DESIGNATED DO NOT SPEAK FOR, ACT ON BEHALF OF, OR REPRESENT OTHER MEMBER STATES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. WITH RESPECT TO AFRICA, THE EVIDENCE PERMITS NO DOUBT THAT SOUTH AFRICA, IN TERMS OF THE RANGE OF ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES, ITS PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIAL, AND THE SIZE OF ITS NATIONAL BUDGET COMMITTED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY, IS BEYOND QUESTION THE MOST ADVANCED COUNTRY. THE STATUTE DOES NOT PROVIDE OTHER CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING OR EXCLUDING COUNTRIES, AND IN THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE TO INTRODUCE NON-TECHNICAL CRITERIA WHICH EXCEED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO WHICH WE, AS SIGNATORIES OF THE STATUTE, HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES. FOR THOSE REASONS, THE US GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE BOARD HAS NO CHOICE UNDER THE STATUTE BUT TO DESIGNATE SOUTH AFRICA TO THIS SEAT.

MY GOVERNMENT IS ON RECORD IN THIS AGENCY AND IN MANY OTHER FORA INCLUDING THE UN AS BEING TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID. THAT POSITION IS UNCHANGED AND UNCONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 140152

AFFECTED BY ANY DECISION WE TAKE HERE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE AS A NATION ARE COMMITTED TO THE RULE OF LAW, AND THAT PRINCIPLE EXTENDS TO OUR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE IAEA. WE ARE FACED HERE WITH A CLEAR CASE WHICH HINGES ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. IN DEPARTING FROM OBJECTIVE CRITERIA INTO POLITICAL OBJECTIONS, WE PUT THIS ORGANIZATION AT RISK. MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY ARE HARMED WHEN SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AS THE IAEA STATUTE IS BREACHED BY THE VERY BOARD THAT IS CHARGED WITH LIVING UP TO ITS PROVISIONS. END QUOTE

2. DELEGATION SHOULD CALL FOR VOTE ON THIS ISSUE, VOTING FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND AGAINST ANY OTHER AFRICAN STATE FOR DESIGNATION TO AFRICAN SEAT. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION, ESPECIALLY FROM DELEGATIONS TAKING THIS POSITION AT JUNE 1977 BOARD. IF, HOWEVER, DELEGATION'S HEAD COUNT REVEALS SERIOUS DEFECTION FROM LAST YEAR'S VOTES FOR DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND MISSION BELIEVES CALLING FOR VOTE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE140152
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JPTREVITHICK:GB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780231-1003
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197806101/aaaadito.tel
Line Count: 115
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 860a777c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 TEL AVIV 8, 78 STATE 133369, 78 VIENNA 4835, 78 CAPE TOWN 1091
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2139259
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IAEA: JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS - DESIGNATION ISSUE
TAGS: AORG, IAEA
To: VIENNA USIAEA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/860a777c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014